

The Traffic and Parking Commission pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea and Chapter 5 of the Chelsea Code of Ordinances, hereby enacts the following regulations and rules for parking in the City of Chelsea for the purpose of establishing a more efficient process of parking throughout the City of Chelsea

## **Regulation 5.23     CITYWIDE PARKING REGULATIONS**

### **5.23.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to establish a program that allows for an efficient and fair manner to maintain the availability of on-street parking within the city limits, and to ensure the uniform enforcement of the parking program. This parking program will be enforced by the Parking Clerk, the Chelsea Police Department, and parking enforcement officers.

### **5.23.2 DEFINITIONS**

**Caregiver** – A caregiver is an individual who assists in the treatment or attends to the needs of a child or a dependent adult. Caregivers shall be registered by the City by providing a notarized letter from the recipient of the care, or the recipient's legal guardian.

**Commercial Vehicle** - A vehicle that is in excess of six (6) wheels and nine (9) feet in total height excluding antennas. This definition applies regardless of how the vehicle is registered.

**Good Standing** - A property owner, resident, company or any other entity that is not in arrears to the City of Chelsea in respect to any municipal charges relating to the ownership of a vehicle (parking tickets, moving violations, excise tax or others). If a person or company is in a payment plan with the City, it must receive a letter from the City Treasurer or Law Department stating that they are in compliance with the payment plan on the date of their application for a permit, sticker or pass.

**Legally Registered Vehicle** - A vehicle registered in Massachusetts pursuant to rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

**Trade/Craft Contractor** – A plumber, electrician, carpenter, landscaper, roofer, floor-installer or other home service provider that is contracted to do work on one's property.

### 5.23.3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. At no time will a parking pass or sticker allow a motorist to violate any general parking rules, other than those that may be specifically described below. A pass or sticker will not be valid for parking in handicapped parking spaces, tow zones, bus stops, and crosswalks or during street sweeping periods or snow emergencies, among other prohibitions.

B. For passes which require only the coloring in of the date to be valid, a day shall consist of a 24-hour period beginning at 8 a.m. and ending the following 7:59 a.m.

C. Only motorists or households that are in good standing and have a legally registered vehicle are eligible for a pass or sticker, pursuant to the regulations that follow.

D. There will be no fees for honorably discharged veterans or those currently serving in the armed forces, including the National Guard.

E. Any restriction contained within these regulations is appealable to the Traffic and Parking Commission.

### 5.23.4 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM

This program only applies to non-commercial vehicles or vehicles with commercial license plates that have six (6) wheels or less and are less than nine (9) feet in total height excluding antennas parking or standing on a public way, roadway, street under the control and direction of the City of Chelsea's Parking Clerk and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 90. This program will be citywide and for all residents and vehicle owners who are in good standing with the City and who have legally valid registered vehicles.

This program shall replace the prior residential placard system. A residential sticker shall exempt certain resident vehicles from metered parking requirements at specifically designated streets as defined in 5.23.4.3.

**5.23.4.1 Restricted Parking Zones.** The following parking restrictions will be enforced year-round, except on holidays or as otherwise described:

A. CITYWIDE - Sticker parking only on all streets during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. seven days a week, except the following streets which are sticker parking only during the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- Broadway

- Eastern Avenue
- Washington Avenue from Fay Square to Silk Street
- Washington Avenue from Revere Beach Parkway to Cheever Street

B. UPPER CENTRAL AVENUE DISTRICT – Sticker parking only on all streets within the district during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. The following streets have been designated the Upper Central Avenue District:

- 110 to 170 Bellingham Street from Highland Street to its terminus at Eastern Avenue
- 147 to 255 Central Avenue from Highland Street to Willow Street
- 124 to 200 Chester Avenue from Highland Street through Willow Street to its dead end
- 250 Congress from Highland Street to Willow Street
- 83 to 165 Cottage Street from Highland Street to its terminus at Eastern Avenue
- 106 to 165 Grove Street from Highland Street to Willow Street
- 52 to 159 Highland Street from Grove Street to Marginal Street
- 118 to 174 Maverick Street from Highland Street to Willow Street
- 48 to 106 Watts Street from Highland Street through Willow Street to its dead end
- 72 to 127 Willow Street from Grove Street to Maverick Street

C. WHIDDEN HOSPITAL DISTRICT – Sticker parking only on all streets within the district during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. The following streets have been designated the Whidden Hospital District:

- 38 to 91 (both sides) Garland Street
- 25 to 81 (both sides) Fremont Avenue

D. CHELSEA WATERFRONT DISTRICT (formerly the Lower Broadway District) – Sticker parking only on all streets within the district during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The following streets have been designated the Chelsea Waterfront District:

- Beacon Place
- Beacon Street
- 1 to 120 Broadway from Williams Street to Medford Street
- 26 to 64 Cherry Street
- 21 to 62 Chestnut Street from Second Street westerly to its terminus at the Tobin Bridge
- 18 to 77 Division Street from Park Street to Williams Street
- Eldridge Place
- Ferry Street

- Front Street
- Howell Court
- High Street
- Medford Street
- Mulberry Street
- 74 to 84 Park Street
- 1 to 100 Pearl Street from Park Street to the Waterfront
- Pembroke Street
- Pine Street
- School Street
- Tremont Street
- Wharf Street
- 1 to 170 Williams Street
- 2 to 156 Williams Street from Mulberry Street to Pearl Street
- 1 to 177 Winnisimmet Street from Park Street to the Waterfront

E. COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT – Sticker parking only on all streets within the district during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The following streets have been designated the Commuter Rail District:

- Blossom Street from Spruce Street to Washington Avenue
- Heard Street from Spruce Street to Washington Avenue
- Sixth Street from Spruce Street to Washington Avenue
- Eden Street from Heard Street to Blossom Street
- 92 to 64 Washington Avenue
- 206 to Heard Street on Arlington Street
- Spruce Street from Sixth Street to Blossom Street
- 221 to 245 (both sides) Walnut Street

#### **5.23.4.2 Residential Parking Stickers.**

A. Annually every owner of a legally registered vehicle in the City shall acquire a residential sticker from the City Clerk's Office at a fee to be determined by the City Clerk but not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00). All residents in good standing with the City of Chelsea shall be issued a sticker based on the following conditions:

1. A current and valid certificate of registration for the vehicle listing the address of the applicant and that the vehicle is garaged in Chelsea.
2. A current driver's license, other identification issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, utility bill, or any other

documentation deemed acceptable by the Parking Clerk which lists the residential address of the applicant in Chelsea.

3. Proof of Insurance.

4. If vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement must be presented and vehicle must be garaged in Chelsea.

B. Only one (1) sticker per vehicle.

C. A lost, stolen or damaged residential parking sticker will not be replaced without cost. A new sticker must be requested following the procedure and submittal of fees for a new sticker.

#### **5.23.4.3 Restrictive Residential Parking Stickers.**

A. Any resident residing on the following streets:

Central Avenue  
Chestnut Street  
Cross Street  
Fifth Street  
Fourth Street

Hawthorne Street  
Park Street  
Pearl Street  
Shurtleff Street  
Washington Avenue

shall be granted unlimited parking privileges for two (2) non-commercial vehicles in any metered parking space on the resident's street for a distance of one hundred (100) feet from each side of said resident's dwelling without cost for said parking.

B. The Restrictive Residential Parking Sticker is valid citywide pursuant to 5.23.4.2 Section A of these regulations.

C. Vehicles must be legally registered in Chelsea and owned or leased by the resident who is in good standing with the City.

D. The fee for acquiring restrictive residential parking stickers for such vehicles is up to ten dollars (\$10.00) annually, as determined by the City Clerk.

#### **5.23.4.4 Resident Visitor Parking Passes.**

A. Two (2) visitor parking pass per household will be issued annually.

B. A visitor parking pass will allow a total of fifty-two (52) visits a year. A pass may only be used once a week.

C. The visitor parking pass must have the property address of the pass holder and require the user to color in the box corresponding to the date of use. It must be placed in the rear view mirror or the driver's side front windshield that is visible to a parking enforcement officer.

D. The visitor parking pass shall be valid in a loosely defined zone of approximately five (5) city blocks from the address listed on the pass.

E. Visitor passes are ten dollars (\$10.00) per year. Only one (1) visitor pass can be renewed or replaced per year, per household.

F. Visitor passes are intended for the use of guests of that particular household. No person shall alter in any way, sell, offer for sale, or give a visitor permit to another household.

#### **5.23.4.5 Residential Parking Program Prohibitions and Penalties.**

A. The Parking Clerk is authorized to revoke the residential parking sticker and/or the visitor parking pass issued to said resident found to be in violation(s) of any of the rules and regulations of the residential parking program.

B. A resident who has had their residential parking sticker revoked may appeal the revocation to the Traffic and Parking Commission by submitting a written request for reinstatement to the Parking Clerk. The Clerk will inform the applicant of the decision within sixty (60) days.

C. If a visitor parking pass has been revoked in the past, the resident will not be eligible to receive a new visitor parking pass until the next year. A request for reinstatement of the visitor parking pass for the next year must be put in writing and mailed to the Parking Clerk. The Clerk will inform the applicant of the decision within sixty (60) days.

#### **5.23.5 NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM**

All non-residential passes and stickers are valid for a period of six (6) months for any entity that is in good standing with the City of Chelsea. They will be issued in July and January for effectiveness in August and February.

##### **5.23.5.1 General Non-Residential Parking Sticker.**

A. Non-commercial vehicles or vehicles with commercial license plates that have six (6) wheels or less and are less than nine (9) feet in total

height excluding antennas, that are not registered in the City which are regularly parked in the City may purchase a non-residential parking sticker. The sticker must include the license plate number of the vehicle registered.

B. The fee for acquiring a non-residential sticker is three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) for a six (6) month period or any part thereof.

#### **5.23.5.2 Business Parking Sticker.**

A. Businesses operating in the City may purchase non-residential parking stickers for company employees. The business must certify that the recipient of the sticker is a company employee. The employee's vehicle must be a legally registered vehicle and in good standing with the City.

B. The fee for a business acquiring a non-residential sticker is three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) per vehicle for a six (6) month period or any part thereof.

#### **5.23.5.3 Caregiver Parking Pass.**

A. Caregivers are eligible for caregiver parking passes; however, they first must become registered caregivers in good standing with the City. Caregivers that are unregistered shall be required to provide a notarized letter from the recipient of the care, the recipient's legal guardian or from a court appointment. All caregiver passes shall state: CAREGIVER and provide a license plate number.

B. Caregiver passes will be valid for two (2) consecutive hours only and cannot be used at the same address for more than two hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period. The pass must state the date and time of the parking. A used or lost pass may be replaced at the discretion of the Parking Clerk.

C. A waiver of the above time limitation may be obtained by the caregiver through the Traffic and Parking Commission. The Traffic and Parking Commission may use its reasonable judgment to determine if the facts of care to be given to a resident warrant the waiver of the caregiver sticker parking rules.

D. There is no fee for a caregiver parking pass.

**5.23.5.4 Landlord Parking Program.** A non-resident landlord is one who can reasonably identify in the judgment of the Clerk of the Traffic and Parking Commission that s/he is an owner of a residential or commercial property in the City, but does not reside within the City of Chelsea. In the case of the property

being held in a trust or other form of ownership, a landlord may be designated upon the certified vote of the controlling ownership. A landlord may be the management company hired by the property owner for control and management of the site. Appeal of the denial of responsibility may be made to the Traffic and Parking Commission.

**5.23.5.4.1 Landlord Parking Stickers.** Landlords who are non-residents in good standing with the City and have a legally registered non-commercial vehicle will be provided a parking sticker.

A. In addition to the license plate number being written on the parking sticker, the Clerk of the Traffic and Parking Commission shall add the letter "L" to the end of the plate number to identify the sticker holder as a landlord. A substitute identification system may be utilized at the discretion of the City Clerk.

B. No more than one (1) landlord parking sticker will be issued to a landlord per property, unless that property is a condominium. In the case of a condominium within a property, only one (1) landlord parking sticker may be issued to each landlord.

C. The fee for acquiring a landlord parking sticker is fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a six (6) month period or any part thereof.

#### **5.23.5.4.2 Landlord Visitor Parking Passes.**

A. The landlord visitor parking pass will allow for fifty-two (52) visits during the six (6) month period for which it is valid. The pass requires the landlord to write the date and time in the box on the pass. The pass will allow landlords to park within a five (5) block radius from the landlord's property.

B. Landlord Visitor passes are ten dollars (\$10.00) for a six (6) month period or any part thereof. A lost, stolen or damaged landlord visitor parking pass may be replaced at the discretion of the Parking Clerk.

#### **5.23.5.5 Trade/Craft Contractor Parking Passes**

A. The trade/craft contractor parking pass will allow for trade/craft contractors to purchase a parking pass for regular working hours for parking near their site location. The pass will allow for trade/craft contractors to park within a five (5) block radius from their work site location.

B. The fee for acquiring a trade/craft contractor pass is five dollars (\$5.00) a day for a daily pass, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) a week for a weekly pass or thirty dollars (\$30.00) a month for a monthly pass.



C. The trade/craft contractor shall provide a copy of their building permit, or their state license or an acceptable proof of work order and the Clerk of the Traffic and Parking Commission will issue a parking pass for a maximum of thirty (30) days.

D. The trade/craft contractor parking pass must have the property address of the work site and the eligible dates written on the pass. It must be placed in the driver's side front windshield that is visible to a parking enforcement officer.

E. A lost, stolen or damaged trade/craft contractor parking pass will not be replaced. A new pass must be requested following the procedure and submittal of fees for a new permit.

#### **5.23.5.6 Non-Residential Parking Program Prohibitions and Penalties**

A. The Parking Clerk is authorized to revoke the non-residential parking stickers/passes of any person found to be in violation(s) of any of the rules and regulations of the non-residential parking program.

B. A person who has had their non-residential parking sticker/pass revoked may appeal the revocation to the Traffic and Parking Commission by submitting a written request for reinstatement to the Parking Clerk. The Clerk will inform the applicant of the decision within sixty (60) days.

#### **5.23.7 COMMERCIAL PARKING PROGRAM**

A. A vehicle with commercial license plates that has six (6) wheels or less and under nine (9) feet in total height legally registered in Chelsea and in good standing will be eligible to purchase a residential sticker pursuant to all rules and regulations outlined in 5.23.4.2.

##### **5.23.7.1 Commercial Parking Program Prohibitions and Penalties**

A. No commercial vehicle shall park or stand on a public way in Chelsea from 7:00 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. unless otherwise provided for in these regulations.

B. A one (1) month waiver of this prohibition shall be granted by the Traffic and Parking Commission for vehicles integral to the work of the residents' property, such as overnight construction, emergency services and loading/unloading and for moving or relocating purposes.

C. If a commercial vehicle is found to be in violation of this regulation it shall be ticketed and towed at sole cost of the registered owner.

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